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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**Under Small Entity Status**

Attorney Docket No: GC-463

Application Serial Number:  
10/033,862

Filing Date:  
12/20/2001

Examiner:  
Elizabeth Shaw

Group Art Unit:  
3644

Invention: Absorbent Pad for Entrapping Fine and Coarse Particles, Retaining Liquids, and Eliminating Odors.

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	69	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	5	0	\$42	\$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ to and through \_\_\_\_\_, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

\_\_\_\_\_ one month (\$55)      \_\_\_\_\_ three months (\$460)  
\_\_\_\_\_ two months (\$200)      \_\_\_\_\_ four months (\$720)

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☒ Charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account 16-0478.

☒ No additional fee is required.

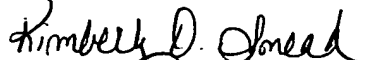
April 27, 2004  
Date

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:

Pat YANANTON

GC-463

Serial No. 10/033,862

Examiner: Shaw, Elizabeth

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

Art Unit: 3644

Title: **ABSORBENT PAD FOR ENTRAPPING SMALL AND COURSE PARTICLES,  
RETAINING LIQUIDS, AND ELIMINATING ODORS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 25, 2004. Applicant believes no fees are due for this matter. Please charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0478.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

